# MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MAYOR:

Tonita Gurulé-Girón

**COUNCILORS:** 

David L. Romero

Barbara A. Casey David A. Ulibarri, Jr. Vincent Howell

ALSO PRESENT:

Richard Trujillo, City Manager

Maire Lopez, Recorder

Danelle Smith, Acting City Attorney Juan Montano, Sergeant at Arms

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

## **ROLL CALL**

# **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked Councilor Howell to lead the moment of silence.

Councilor Howell asked God to please guide our national leaders in making the right decisions regarding healthcare for our nation.

# APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Howell made a motion to accept the agenda with the amendment of moving Executive Session after Public Input. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero Yes David A. Ulibarri, Jr. Yes Barbara A. Casey Yes Vincent Howell Yes

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

# MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised there were no appointments or reports at this time.

### PUBLIC INPUT

City Manager Trujillo advised that no one had signed in for Public Input.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilor Howell made a motion to go in to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes Yes	David L. Romero Barbara A. Casey	Yes Yes
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Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Councilor Howell made a motion to exit Executive Session and to reconvene in to Regular Session, he advised that only personnel issues were discussed and no decisions were made. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

#### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Approval/Disapproval to appoint Corinna Laszlo-Henry as City Attorney for the City of Las Vegas and enter into a Professional Contract.

Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón advised that in accordance with the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, Article V, Section 5.04. C The Mayor shall appoint the city attorney, subject to Council approval, D. The Governing body shall enter into a contract with the city attorney which shall establish, among other matters, compensation, benefits, duties and responsibilities.

Acting City Attorney Danelle Smith stated that she understood that the Council wanted to consider appointing Corinna Laszlo-Henry as City Attorney and negotiating a contract separately therefore no action would be taken regarding the contract at the present time.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that this would give Acting City Attorney Smith the opportunity to discuss the contract agreement and the concerns of the Council with Ms. Laszlo-Henry.

City Manager Trujillo re-stated the motion to read: Approval/Disapproval to appoint Corrina Laszlo-Henry as City Attorney for the City of Las Vegas.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the appointment of Corinaa Laszlo-Henry as City Attorney for the City of Las Vegas. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón congratulated Ms. Corinna Laszlo-Henry as the City of Las Vegas City Attorney.

## **ADJOURN**

Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

Recorder Maire Lopez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

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ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk